

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, beginning line 21, with the following amended paragraph:

--According to a second aspect of the invention, a board for gliding over snow, comprising, in particular, a gliding base, an inner structure, and a decorative and ~~protection~~ protective exterior assembly, the exterior assembly comprising, on its outer surface, one or more additional pieces each having at least one fixing zone, is noteworthy in that the fixing zone or fixing zones is or are a through-zone or through-zones, passing through the exterior assembly, projecting and penetrating into the inner structure of the board so as to constitute one or more means of securing by anchoring in the exterior assembly and/or in said inner structure.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, beginning line 34 and bridging page 7, with the following amended paragraph:

--A board for gliding over snow of conventional type, such as an alpine ski (1), comprises a front zone with a shovel, a rear zone with a tail turn-up, a central zone known as the "waist", an ~~outer~~ exterior face (2) forming the top and, optionally, the sides, and a face forming the gliding

base delimited on either side by the two lateral edges (which are not shown). The ski (1) also comprises an inner structure (4) usually produced by means of a step of injecting a polyurethane foam into a corresponding mold, or, alternatively, by means of a compression-molding step. The exterior face (2) is formed by a protective and decorative exterior assembly (3) that has an outer surface (6) and an inner surface (7).--

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, beginning line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

--According to the invention, the ski (1) comprises an additional piece (8) that may be set (see Figures 1, 4, and 5) into the exterior face (2) of the ski (1) comprising the exterior assembly (3) or may be placed (see Figure 6) over the exterior assembly (3). The additional piece (8) has an ~~external~~ exterior shape (9) and a fixing zone (11).--

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, beginning line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

--The ~~external~~ exterior shape (9) may be substantially planar (see Figures 1 and 2) or of more complex shape, particularly if it serves for guiding a binding element (front or rear binding). The ~~external~~ exterior shape (9) is provided as a substantially rounded part (see Figures 3 to 5)

if it is to be positioned on a rounded surface of the exterior assembly (3), for example in the case of "shell" skis.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, beginning line 27, with the following amended paragraph:

--Once the ski (1) is completed, the lower surface (12) of the piece (8) will be pressed against the outer surface (6) of the protective and decorative exterior assembly (3). According to a first embodiment (Figures 1, 4, and 5), the exterior-~~surface~~ shape (9) of the piece (8) is flush with the-~~upper~~ exterior face (2) of the ski (1). According to another embodiment (Figure 6), the exterior-~~surface~~ shape (9) of the piece (8) is above the-~~upper~~ exterior face (2) of the exterior assembly (3).--

Please replace the last paragraph on page 7, bridging page 8, with the following amended paragraph:

--The fixing zone (11) is deployed substantially perpendicularly relative to the-~~external~~ exterior shape (9) or relative to the lower surface (12) of the piece (8). The fixing zone (11) has a substantially cylindrical protuberance with stops. These stops take the form of one or more grooves or recesses (13 and 14) made around the substantially cylindrical protuberance. By way of example (see Figure 5), an axial recess (14), in the form of a blind hole, and a

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transverse recess (15), perpendicular to the axial recess  
(14), are made in the fixing zone (11).--